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Intelligence Specialist Visitor:

Satellite Work Hasn't Cut Russ Aircraft Development

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air situation while telling of

Russia hasn't ceased its search for improved aircraft even though its plans involving conventional aircraft have become obscured by that nation's rocket and satellite testing.

This point was made clear by an intelligence specialist, closely connected with Russian affairs, who is visiting in Lincoln.

Miss Ruth Dane of Washington D.C., who is visiting Mrs. Howard Wilson of 1230 Crestdale Rd., commented about the current Soviet

her experiences during 16 years of intelligence work with the armed services.

She said at the present time Russia is planning to devote one-third of its aircraft output during the next 5 years to transport type planes.

All Types

Aircraft capable of operating from all types of airstrips are being developed to make possible their use in small underdeveloped nations. The purpose of operating transports in the lesser nations is aimed mainly by the Russians at aiding in bringing them under Communist control, Miss Dane said.

She explained that Russia can also soon be expected to rival the West on the trunk routes of the world as that nation plans to put on the market within 2 years planes whose performance can rival that of any aircraft yet planned by the West.

The Soviet planes can be expected to be available at a highly competitive price, she noted, to make them attractive to other nations.

Miss Dane also told of aiding in the setting up of a program which would put about 350 commercial aircraft under Army control, manned by basically commercial crews, within 24 hours if it ever becomes necessary to use them.

Schoolmates

A graduate of the University of California, Miss Dane met Mrs. Wilson while they were both attending Pamona College, and has visited her here frequently.

The holder of a Master's Degree in international relations, she attended a political science school in Paris, France.

Listed as her favorite hobby is raising children. She has 2 adopted daughters: Deborah, who graduated from high school this spring and Diane, who will be a senior at Smith College this fall.

Dog Friend

Also prominent in her life is her Dalmation dog, Randy, of which she said, "He may soon be the only Dalmation with more scratches than spots, due to his continual fighting."

"I joined the Central Intelligence Agency for 6 months, just before WWI, under the prompting of a friend," Miss Dane said, "and have stayed in the field for 16 years."

Before beginning her work with the Air Force as an intelligence, she later worked studying changes in the balance of power among nations—for the Army; and in the policy mobilization area for the Air Force directorate of plans.